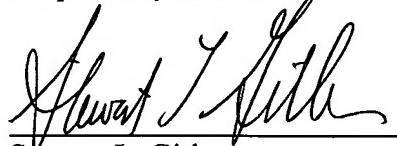


**REMARKS**

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 9 and 21-24 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 9 and therefore claims 1-23 are all allowable. Further, claim 24 has been rewritten in independent format including the limitations of claim 1 and is in allowable fashion. If any questions remain, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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